

## UNITE Team: Statement on Unity Issued on January 14, 2021

Over the past year we have seen protests and rallies escalate into violence and destruction across our country. The riot in our nation's capital was an act of needless violence that we strongly condemn. Every action of violence further divides us as a nation. Rather than listening to one another, the tendency is to immediately dismiss that with which we do not agree.

Today we call on the greater Taunton community and all Americans to come together in peaceful discussion to find common ground and understanding on issues that divide us. We need to each ask ourselves "what is my role in bringing unity?"